

MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF ON THE BEAT THROUGH HARTFORD NEIGHBORHOODS

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(June 13, 2011)--- "There's more work to do", that's how Mayor Pedro E. Segarra and Police Chief Daryl K. Roberts describe Friday's *On the Beat* walk and ride through Hartford neighborhoods. This ongoing effort is an extension of community policing and outreach to get direct face to face feedback on how to best stand up to crime.

"We met about 200 people, many who see good things happening, but say more must be done. People want jobs, and the more that are created, the more we'll deter crime; they are happy with our city recreation centers, especially Parker Memorial, and would like to see even more opportunities to keep our young people off the street. To achieve these and other quality of life goals, we must take a collaborative approach like *On the Beat*. I look forward to continuing this effort with the Chief throughout the summer," said Mayor Segarra.

On the Beat is a continuation of the Segarra Administration's core values that prioritize public safety.

"We heard a lot of good feedback. People told us what's working and what needs improvement. Neighborhood Policing works because our officers are walking the beat, riding their bikes, and interacting with residents to prevent crime and better respond to and investigate crimes when they do happen. Going out on patrol with the Mayor demonstrates that leadership and initiative starts at the top. I look forward to continuing this effort to ensure a safe summer and safe city," said Chief Roberts.

The Mayor and the Chief began their *On the Beat* outreach at Albany Avenue and Vine Streets in the Upper Albany neighborhood and spent several hours visiting various businesses and crisscrossed neighborhoods throughout the City including Garden Street, Barbour Street and North Main Street in the Northeast; Park Street in Frog Hollow and Parkville; Maple Avenue in Barry Square, and Franklin Avenue in the South End.

You can see details of these and other stops by following HartfordMayor on Twitter. You can also see *On the Beat* on Government Cable Access Television Channel 96, which streams live on www.hartford.gov.